



General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 547

LCO No. 1244

Referred to Committee on Planning and Development

Introduced by:

SEN. MCKINNEY, 28th Dist.

**AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF ABANDONED
CEMETERIES BY MUNICIPALITIES.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 That the general statutes be amended to authorize municipalities to
2 acquire abandoned cemeteries provided the municipality exercises due
3 diligence to identify the owners of the cemetery or unoccupied lots or
4 grave sites, and maintains the characteristics of the cemetery and does
5 not make any change to use of the land or transfer title to the property;
6 and to further amend the general statutes to provide that the
7 provisions of this section shall not apply to an abandoned cemetery in
8 which one burial has occurred in the past forty years with an ex post
9 facto permit and for which there is one surviving owner of a family
10 plot, provided the municipality in which such cemetery is located fully
11 complies with the notice requirements contained in this section and
12 also provides such notification to such surviving owner.

Statement of Purpose:

To allow municipalities to acquire abandoned cemeteries within the municipality.